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**For: SCANNER HAVING COLD-CATHODE-TUBE LIGHT SOURCE AND METHOD
OF CONTROLLING A DRIVE SIGNAL FOR ILLUMINATING A COLD-CATHODE-
TUBE LIGHT SOURCES**

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. Patent application is that the references was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject manner. However , no independent analysis of the

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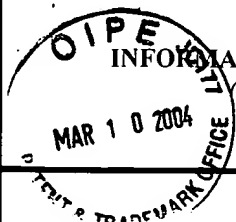
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